GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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Kangaroo Courts
Patil Shri A.T. (Nana)

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that a number of Kangaroo courts are functioning in various parts of the country especially in Naxal affected areas of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the concrete steps taken by the Government to contain this menace?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
(SHRI HARIBHAI PARATHIBHAI CHAUDHARY)

(a): Yes, Madam.

(b): In order to create terror among the civilians in the LWE affected areas, the LWE cadres, in their 'Kangaroo Courts' also called 'Jan Adalat', execute sentence against the civilians, who do not subscribe to their ideology in the areas under their domain. As per the available information, during 2015 (upto 15.11.2015), 32 such 'Jan Adalats' have been held by the LWE cadres in 05 LWE affected States, namely, Andhra Pradesh (01), Bihar (04), Chhattisgarh (10), Jharkhand (11) and Odisha (06).

(c): The 'Police' & 'Public Order' being State subjects, action with respect to maintenance of law and order lies primarily in the domain of the State Governments concerned. However, the Central Govt. closely monitors the situation and coordinate/supplements the efforts of State Governments over a wide range of issues, both as security and development fronts.

Therefore, if any such incident comes into the notice, the Government issues suitable advisories to the State Governments to take all the preventive and precautionary steps to counter these incidents. Due to coordinated and concerted efforts of the Central as well as State Governments, the number of such Jan Adalats reduced to 32 in the current year 2015 (upto 15.11.2015) as compared to 53 in the corresponding period of 2014. Persons killed due to Jan Adalat directives have also been reduced to 12 as compared to 15 in the corresponding period of 2014.

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